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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL
EACH YEAR BEFORE ANY OTHER APPROPRIATIONS BILL IS ENACTED.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the security of our nation and people is the first and
4 foremost obligation of the federal government; and

5 Whereas, the men and women of the United States armed forces now
6 serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant
7 Marines, National Guard and Reserves have shown great courage and sacrifice
8 and deserve to be equipped with the best weapons and resources to protect our
9 nation; and

10 Whereas, in past years politicians have delayed passing the defense
11 appropriations bill until late in the budget year so that the defense
12 appropriations bill was misused as a dumping ground for pork barrel spending
13 and as a political hostage to pork barrel spending in other appropriations
14 bills; and

15 Whereas, in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 on
16 America, President Bush asked that the United States Congress pass the
17 defense appropriations bill before passing other spending bills; and

18 Whereas, the United States Congress acted responsibly in 2002, 2003,
19 2004 and 2005 when it passed the defense appropriations bill first, thereby
20 protecting the men and women in our armed forces from becoming pawns for
21 politicians' spending maneuvers.

22 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of

23 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

24 1. That the Congress of the United States continue to enact the
25 defense appropriations bill each year prior to enacting any other
26 appropriations legislation.

27 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
28 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
29 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from
30 the State of Arizona.